

WOOLMER GREEN PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of meeting held 14 July 2026

Present: Cllrs A Gribble (Chairman), P Corke (Vice Chairman), J Castle-Ridpath, T Dix & S Hall & G Pinney.

In attendance: Mrs J. Pearce (Clerk). County Cllr T Kingsbury.

3.1 To receive apologies for absence: Borough Cllr J Cragg.

3.2 To consider requests for dispensation and pecuniary & other interests on items on the agenda: Cllrs Corke & Castle-Ridpath declared an interest in item 3.9e. Cllr Hall declared an interest in item 3.10c.

3.3 To receive petitions, comments and questions from the public: None.

3.4 To approve minutes of Council Meeting 9 June: Resolved: The minutes of the Council Meeting of 9 June were approved and signed by the Chairman as a correct record.

3.5 To receive reports on meetings & events attended by Councillors: Cllr Hall attended the June market. Cllrs Gribble, Hall & Pinney attended a cheque presentation to Garden House Hospice Care.

3.6 To receive The Clerk's Report: The Clerk's Report was noted.

3.7 Planning (*Cllrs Castle-Ridpath & Dix*)

a) 6/2026/1038/HOUSE 55 Garden Road, Erection of a part two/single storey side and rear extension and new front porch following the demolition of existing single storey side extension and porch:
No objection.

b) 6/2026/0880/TPO 5 Evergreen Close, Retrospective 5 day notice, Fell 1 dead silver birch TPO 105:
The tree should be replaced.

c) 6/2026/0127/COND Land off London Road: Condition 2 (LEMP) and 8 (refuse and recycling): No decision to report.

d) 6/2025/2513/COND Land off London Road: No decision to report.

e) 6/2025/0603/MAJ 61 London Road: No decision to report.

f) 6/2025/0847/OUTLINE Land adjacent to 52 London Road: No decision to report.

3.8 Hall (*Cllrs Corke & Pinney*) & **Grounds:** (*Cllr Dix*)

a) To discuss water testing. The heating engineer will carry out storage tank & hot water cylinder inspection and TMV service annually. If he cannot service the TMVs adequately it may be necessary to commission a specialist.

b) To receive report on weekly playground inspection: The contractor will be asked to repair hall fencing. All else is satisfactory.

c) To discuss playground works: Quotes will be obtained for new swings in the Garden Road playground. Awaiting a response from WHBC whether s106 monies can be used. **Action: Clerk.**

3.9 Finance: (*Cllr Hall*)

a) To receive and approve the payments for June: Resolved: To approve payments for June.

b) To note receipt of income for June: £15,367.14

c) To review accounts performance against budget for June: Hall revenue and payroll costs are below budget. The playground costs are below budget but will increase due to remedial works required.

d) To receive bank reconciliation for June: Resolved: To approve the bank reconciliation for June.

e) To consider grant application: To award WoollyFest Committee £200.

3.10 Environment (*Cllr Castle-Ridpath*) & **Transport:** (*Cllr Gribble*)

a) To receive update on puffin crossing: HCC state the last contact with the site owner was in November 2025 who proposed installing a raised table. HCC are continuing to press for a traffic-controlled crossing and are waiting for a response. County Cllr T Kingsbury will be kept informed and he has updated WHBC Enforcement.

b) To discuss other highways matters: Mardleybury Road will be closed for two days for surface dressing and lining.

c) To receive update on the allotments lease: Wallington Farms are likely to renew the lease at the end of the current term and will issue a formal response in the coming weeks.

Regarding the request by an allotment holder to run apothecary courses, Wallington Farms would not change a future lease to accommodate this as it could set a precedent for other activities and increase administration.

d) To discuss planters: The volunteer who has tended the village planters for 13 years cannot continue. It was proposed to plant them with drought tolerant perennials which would require less maintenance.

Costs to prepare the planters for the transition will be obtained. A contractor could be paid for watering.

Action: Clerk.

- 3.11** To discuss projects for consideration for s106 contributions: The priority is for new playground equipment.
- 3.12** To consider support for the establishment of a WGC Town Council: The Council agreed to support the establishment of a WGC Town Council.
- 3.13** To receive announcements. (for information only):
- a) The July market has been cancelled due to low attendance over the summer and will return in September.
 - b) The Government decision on how many unitary authorities will be established in Hertfordshire is expected this week.
 - c) Reverend Sulu Pike has been ordained at St. Albans Cathedral and begins her ministry as curate of St. Michael's Church.
- 3.14** To agree date of next Council meeting: Council Meeting Tuesday 8 September at 7.30pm.

Meeting ended 20.34.

JRP 15.07.26

Signed: _____
Chairman.

Date: _____